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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2000, the applicants make the following election of claims:

Group I directed to claims 1-12, 17-31, and 39-52, drawn to interactive programming of television presentation by the viewer. Note that claim 17 has been included in this election even though the Examiner did not include claim 17 in Group I, but rather in Group II. It is felt that claim 17 should be included in the election of Group I because it is directed to "interactive"

programming of television presentation by the viewer," as recited for Group I, and not in any way "transmission of the presentation," the Group II description.

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